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OFFICERS REPORT GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN ALBANIA -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 29 Mar 53

Two Albanian officers who recently escaped to Yugoslavia have reported that since Stalin's death the Albanian people's resistance to the Enver Hoxha regime has increased. Throughout Albania there are active guerrilla groups which attack the Communist army every day. The same officers, when asked by reporters whether these guerrilla forces alone could overthrow the Hoxha regime, answered in the affirmative. They also stated that an increasing number of army officers are being arrested because of the increasing defeats of Albanian Army units when in conflict with these guerrilla groups. According to the same officers, intelligence centers have been established at Peskovitsa /transliteration from Greek/, Pogradec, Kouktsou /transliteration from Greek/, Tropoje, and Skander /Skanderbeg?/

At the same time, other sources report that serious sabotage activities have occurred at the Mati hydroelectric works. These sabotage activities have caused the arrest of 100 persons, and the agrarian population of that region has been absolutely forbidden to move around in the region.

EFFECT OF BALKAN PACT ON THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 22 Mar 53

The Greek-Turkish-Yugoslav friendship pact has had a great effect on the Bulgarian people, and resistance against the Communists has increased. According to the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, Ivan Monov, president of the

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Bulgarian political refugees, told Tanjug that the Bulgarian Communist government is taking special measures to keep the Bulgarian people ignorant of the existence of the friendship pact. Nevertheless, Monov stated, the Bulgarian people are following events carefully and doubt the official Communist announcements on the matter.

SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN BULGARIA -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 28 Mar 53

Belgrade, 27 March (Anatolian Agency) -- The Belgrade radio has reported that sabotage incidents in Bulgaria are increasing. For example, (a) numerous large fires have broken out in the steel mills of Andol, the country's largest steel-producing center located in southeastern Bulgaria; (b) a Soviet ship carrying Bulgarian goods to the USSR burned as a result of arson; and (c) considerable damage has been done to a state institute in Pleven, a chemical plant in Dimitrovgrad, and four flour mills in Nova Zagora.

NEW RADIO STATION IN RUMANIA TO COUNTERACT RESISTANCE -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 29 Mar 53

Resistance in Rumania has increased considerably since Stalin's death. To counteract this rising opposition, the Communist leaders have intensified their propaganda measures. Recently they established a new radio station at the Maritime Directorate of Constanta. The radio station is being directed by Kerebitsev, a Soviet technician.

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